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SUMMARY. THE UNITED NATIONS GA SPECIAL SESSION ON NAMIBIA
CONTINUED MORNING OF MAY 1. HIGHLIGHT WAS GHANA'S STATE-
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MENT WHICH WAS CRITICAL OF PARTS OF THE WESTERN FIVE PRO-
POSAL BUT GENERALLY SUPPORTIVE OF THE WESTERN EFFORTS TO
FIND A SOLUTION. SIERRA LEONE'S FOREIGN MINISTER SUPPORT-
ED THE EFFORTS OF THE WESTERN FIVE BUT ALSO NOTED "CERTAIN
INHERENT FLAWS" IN THEIR PROPOSAL. OTHER SPEAKERS WERE:
VENEZUELA, SPAIN, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, BYELORUSSIAN
SSR, AND SAUDI ARABIA. END SUMMARY.

1. THE UNGA SPECIAL SESSION ON NAMIBIA CONTINUED THE MORNING OF MAY 1. THE DAY'S OPENING SPEAKER, AMB. CARPIO OF VENEZUELA, STATED THAT THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY BASES IN WALVIS BAY WAS A CONSTANT THREAT TO ALL OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. HE ADVOCATED AN EARLY WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICA'S FORCES FROM NAMIBIA.

2. AMB. BOATEN OF GHANA REMARKED THAT SOUTH AFRICA'S RESPONSE TO THE WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL "GIVES CAUSE FOR CONCERN OVER VORSTER'S CANDOR AND SINCERITY". THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA, HE SAID, PROPOSES THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL BE APPOINTED BY THE UN AND BE ACCOUNTABLE ONLY TO THE SYG. THIS WOULD ENSURE THAT NAMIBIA WOULD NOT SUFFER THE SAME "DISASTER" AS THE CONGO, HE ADDED. WHAT IS TO BE THE ROLE OF THE UN FORCES, HE QUERIED, IF THE SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES ATTEMPT TO SEIZE THE REINS OF GOVERNMENT AGAIN. REFERRING AGAIN TO THE CONGO, HE SUGGESTED THAT THE UN ROLE BE DESCRIBED IN DETAIL. HE SAID THERE WERE REPORTS THAT THE "WESTERN FIVE WERE PREPARED TO MAKE A STATEMENT...TO THE EFFECT THAT FOR GEOGRAPHIC, ETHNIC, AND CULTURAL REASONS, WALVIS BAY SHOULD BE A PART OF NAMIBIA". WALVIS BAY, HE CONTINUED, WAS NON-NEGOTIABLE BECAUSE IT WAS RECOGNIZED AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF NAMIBIA. HE ADDED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS COMPLETELY OPPOSED TO THE PROPOSAL THAT WALVIS BAY SHOULD BE UNCLASSIFIED

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NEGOTIATED BETWEEN AN INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA. HE SUPPORTED THE EFFORTS OF THE WESTERN FIVE AND URGED THAT THEY CONTINUE WITH THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION.

3. AMB. DE PINIES OF SPAIN SAID THAT THE WESTERN FIVE INITIATIVE SEEMED TO HAVE REACHED A FORMULA FOR A SETTLEMENT OF THE NAMIBIA QUESTION CONSISTENT WITH RESOLUTION 385. HE FURTHER STATED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT COULD SEE NO OTHER "PEACEFUL ALTERNATIVE".

4. SYRIA RECOGNIZED SWAPO AS THE "SOLE AND AUTHENTIC REPRESENTATIVE" OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE AND ADVOCATED THAT ALL UN MEMBER STATES DECLARE "WAR" AGAINST ALL INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES THAT DEAL WITH SOUTH AFRICA.

5. AMB. DOLGUCHITS OF THE BYELORUSSIAN SSR ALLEGED THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAD BECOME "ARMED TO THE TEETH" THROUGH THE DIRECT ASSISTANCE OF MEMBER COUNTRIES OF NATO. SOUTH AFRICA WAS DEVELOPING NUCLEAR WEAPONRY, HE CONTINUED, THROUGH RESEARCH CONDUCTED IN THE KALIHARI DESERT. HE CONDEMNED SOUTH AFRICA, CALLED FOR CHAPTER VII SANCTIONS

AND ADVOCATED IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMPLETE DIPLOMATIC AND POLITICAL BOYCOTT. HE STATED THAT WALVIS BAY WAS AN INTEGRAL PART OF NAMIBIA AND THAT SWAPO WAS THE "SOLE AND AUTHENTIC REPRESENTATIVE" OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE. THE UN, HE CONCLUDED, SHOULD TRANSFER FULL AUTHORITY IN NAMIBIA TO SWAPO.

6. THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF SIERRA LEONE, DR. ABDULAI CONTEH, EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE "FIVE WISE MEN" FROM THE WEST WOULD FIND A SOLUTION TO THE NAMIBIAN PROBLEM. CHANGING TACK, HE CRITICIZED THE WEST FOR NOT HAVING ENOUGH FAITH IN THE UN SYSTEM. HE WELCOMED THE LUSAKA DECLARATION AND SUPPORTED SWAPO AS THE "SOLE AND AUTHENTIC

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REPRESENTATIVE" OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE. HE NOTED "CERTAIN
INHERENT FLAWS" IN THE WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL: (1) NO

REFERENCE TO THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA WHICH SHOULD PLAY A
SIGNIFICANT ROLE; (2) IT WAS PREMATURE FOR THE FIVE TO
PRESENT THE PROPOSAL TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN THE AB-
SENCE OF REACTIONS FROM THE PARTIES; (3) THE AMBIGUITY OF
THE PROPOSAL COUPLED WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN ACCEPTANCE
"IN THE LIGHT OF CLARIFICATIONS" MAKES ONE WONDER WHAT
THOSE CLARIFICATIONS ARE. IN CONCLUSION, HE STATED
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THAT WALVIS BAY FORMED AN INSEPARABLE PART OF NAMIBIA.

6. THE LAST SPEAKER OF THE MORNING WAS THE EVER-LOQUACIOUS
AMB. BAROODY OF SAUDI ARABIA, WHO, IN HIS INIMITABLE
STYLE, CHASTISED EACH AND EVERY REGIONAL GROUP. AFTER
DISCUSSING THE PHILOSOPHICAL ASPECTS OF THE NAMIBIA
QUESTION AT LENGTH, HE CONCLUDED BY STATING THAT WALVIS
BAY IS NON-NEGOTIABLE. YOUNG

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